

Table 3-22.

**RECORDATION OF MINING CLAIMS, PUBLIC LAW 94-579,
FROM OCTOBER 21, 1976, THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2000**

Administrative State	Total Claims At Beginning of Fiscal Year	Claims Received During Year	Total At Year End	Active Claims At Beginning of Fiscal Year /a/	Claims Closed /b/	Claims Held Under FHFC /c/	Active Claims At Year End
Alaska	114,184	551	114,735	9,187	1,298	86	8,488
Arizona	357,477	1,620	359,097	22,272	624	422	31,056
California	275,633	1,648	277,281	24,521	820	619	21,503
Colorado	250,371	176	250,547	7,351	77	28	5,874
Eastern /d/	10,989	3	10,989	26	0	0	24
Idaho	182,504	565	183,069	16,179	665	250	10,111
Montana /e/	206,416	1,993	208,409	13,534	868	138	14,353
Nevada	783,840	11,748	795,588	115,081	2,702	977	105,555
New Mexico /f/	167,936	421	168,357	8,739	813	63	7,221
Oregon /g/	154,121	469	154,590	10,192	201	29	7,896
Utah	355,222	1,027	356,249	11,136	346	309	10,498
Wyoming /h/	255,079	1,902	256,981	14,325	2,069	136	13,364
Total	3,113,772	22,123	3,135,892	252,543	10,483	3,057	235,943

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- /a/ Active means that the subject claim or site is in good standing under the recording, maintenance, and assessment work statutes. It does not refer to any potential activity upon the land contained within the claim or site
- /b/ Claims patented, or claims declared forfeit or abandoned and void, or null and void, under Public Laws 94-579, 103-66, or 105-277. On October 21, 1998, PL 105-277 (112 Stat. 2681-235) continued a one-time location fee of \$25 and an annual maintenance fee of \$100 per claim or site in lieu of performance of assessment work. Certain “small miners” and mineral patent applicants were exempted and the fees waived. Failure to pay, qualify as a “small miner,” qualify for a waiver, or file necessary documents as required by law or regulation results in statutory abandonment and forfeiture of the affected claim or site (43 CFR 3833.1-6). Claims forfeited or abandoned in one year may be closed out in the following year.
- /c/ Claims held under First Half of the Mineral Entry Final Certificate (FHFC) for a mineral patent application are exempt from the requirements to perform assessment work or to pay the annual \$100 fee (43 CFR 3851.5).
- /d/ Includes all States bordering on, or east of, the Mississippi River.
- /e/ Includes North and South Dakota.
- /f/ Includes Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas.
- /g/ Includes Washington.
- /h/ Includes Nebraska.

Sources: BLM’s automated mining claim recordation systems for the lower 48 States and Alaska; BLM State Office records and working files.